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Though not a new concept, child effect has yet to be integrated into mainstream research. This book offers a review of what is already "known" but generally ignored in the area of how children affect their parents, what kinds of children most affect their parents, and what characteristics in parents make them especially vulnerable to child effect. Following a brief introduction, the chapters of the book are: (1) "The Neglected Perspective: Children's Effect on Parents," including traditional literature and emerging theories; (2) "Areas of Parents' Lives" [likely to be affected by the presence of children], including health, living space, personality, and attitudes; (3) "Determinants of Child Effect"; (4) "Theoretical Synthesis," including unavoidable and avoidable child effect; (5) "The Effect of Juvenile Delinquency"; (6) "Children's Emotional Problems and Difficult Child Episodes"; (7) "Students' Perceptions of the Effect They Have Had on Their Parents"; (8) "The Impact of Children on Divorced Parents"; (9) "Mothering Children Who Have Severe Chronic Illnesses" (Patricia McKeever); (10) "Children's Active Role in Mother's Premenstrual Syndrome" (Marion Pirie); (11) "Two Case Studies of Interracial Mothers and Daughters" (Saroj Chawla and Anne-Marie Ambert); (12) "Mother-Blaming in a Recent Hemingway Biography"; and (13) "Additional Considerations and Conclusions," including immigrant and adoptive parents, and parental gratification. Contains approximately 660 references. (HTH)

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